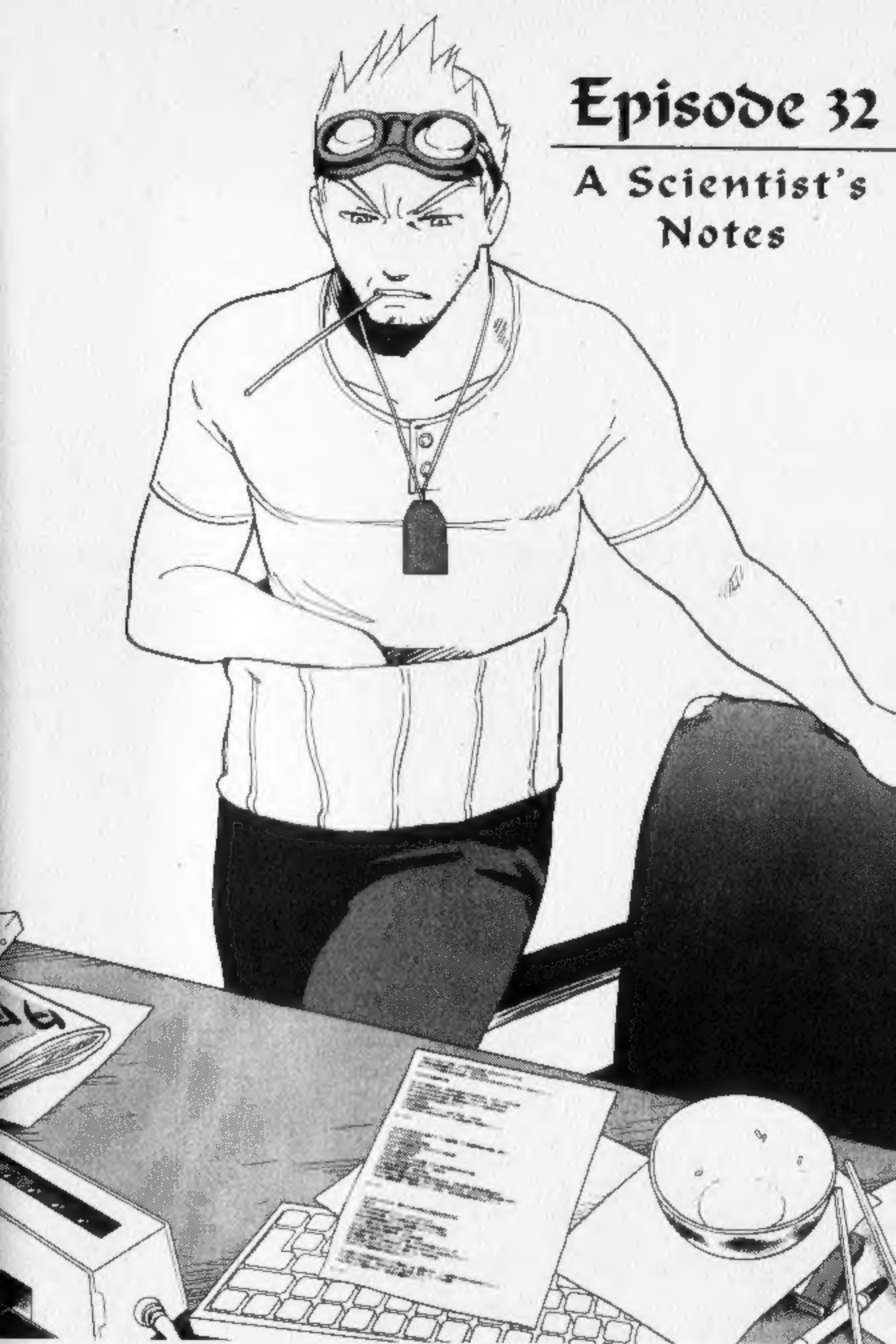
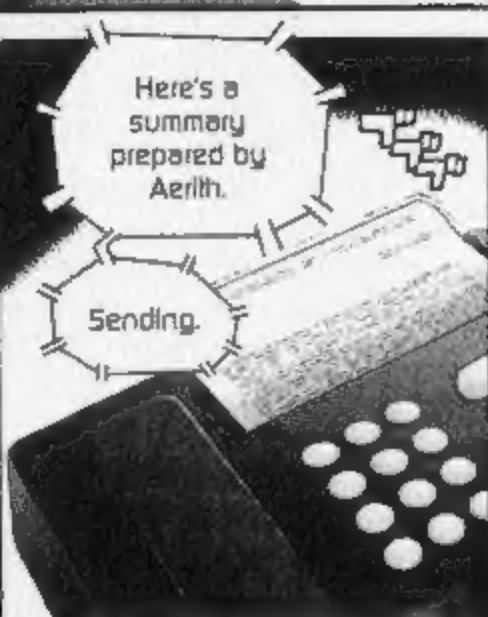
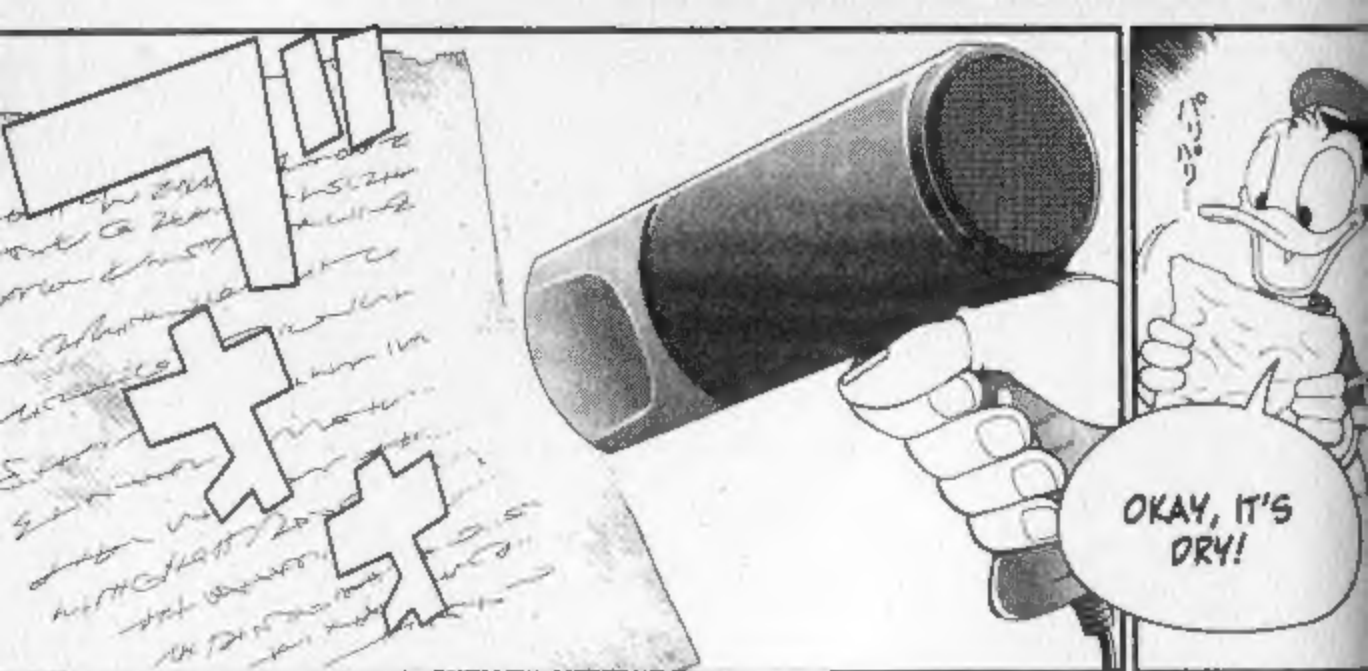


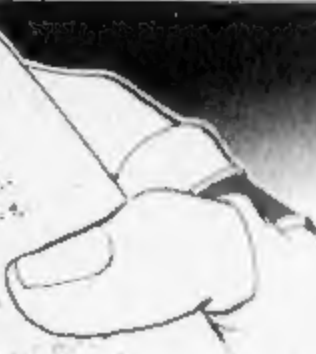


Episode 32

A Scientist's Notes









I spent countless years
acquiring all there is to know.

My knowledge became
power, and it is now
protecting this world.


I brought smiles to
people's faces, and
they respect me.



Still...




People call me a philosopher,
but there are some things
I do not understand.




A-HYUCK! IS THIS
GUY A BIG SHOT
OR WHAT?





Ansem was
a scholar and
philosopher who
governed our world.

Everyone
respected him,
and the world
was peaceful.



Everyone's heart,
no matter how pure
it may be...


...has darkness
sleeping inside.

A small amount of darkness
can sometimes swell with
surprising speed...

...and I've seen many
people whose hearts
were consumed by
that darkness.

Darkness...

...of the heart.



I'm not sure of
the details after
that...

...but he discovered
some Heartless
in the basement of
his castle.



Are these the end result of people
who have lost their hearts?

Or is this the realization of the
darkness that already existed
within them?

Or is the cause something
entirely different?

The only thing certain
is that they have no
feelings whatsoever.

I must continue
my research.

It's fortunate that I
have numerous samples
to work with.

They are created one
after another.

We need to give
them a name.

People without
a heart...

Let's call them "Heartless."

If I study these Heartless
and am able to understand
their nature...

...I should be able to
discover their purpose and
the intent of their heart.

To begin my study...

...I developed a
machine for artificially
generating Heartless.



If these heartless were born
naturally from people who lost
their heart...

HE SYNTHESIZED MORE
HEARTLESS...?!

...then it should be possible to
synthesize Heartless around
the heart's principle.

If I improve this machine,
it may be possible to create
Heartless from scratch.

When I compared the machine-
made Heartless and natural-
born Heartless...

...I determined that the
nature and performance of
the two are nearly the same.

But in order to
draw more accurate
test results...



...I will place a mark
on the machine-
made Heartless for
identification.

SO MALEFICENT
ABUSED THIS
MACHINE!

SHE MUST'VE CREATED
HEARTLESS AFTER
HEARTLESS WITH THE
MACHINE...

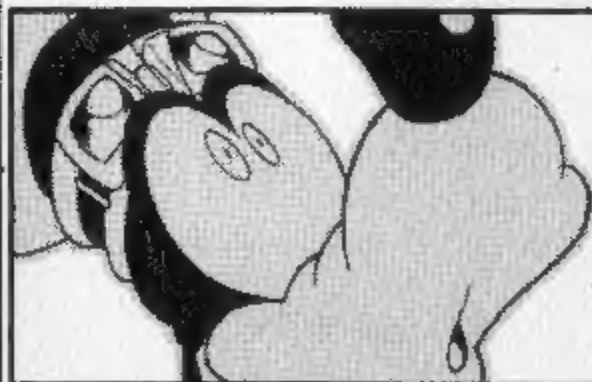


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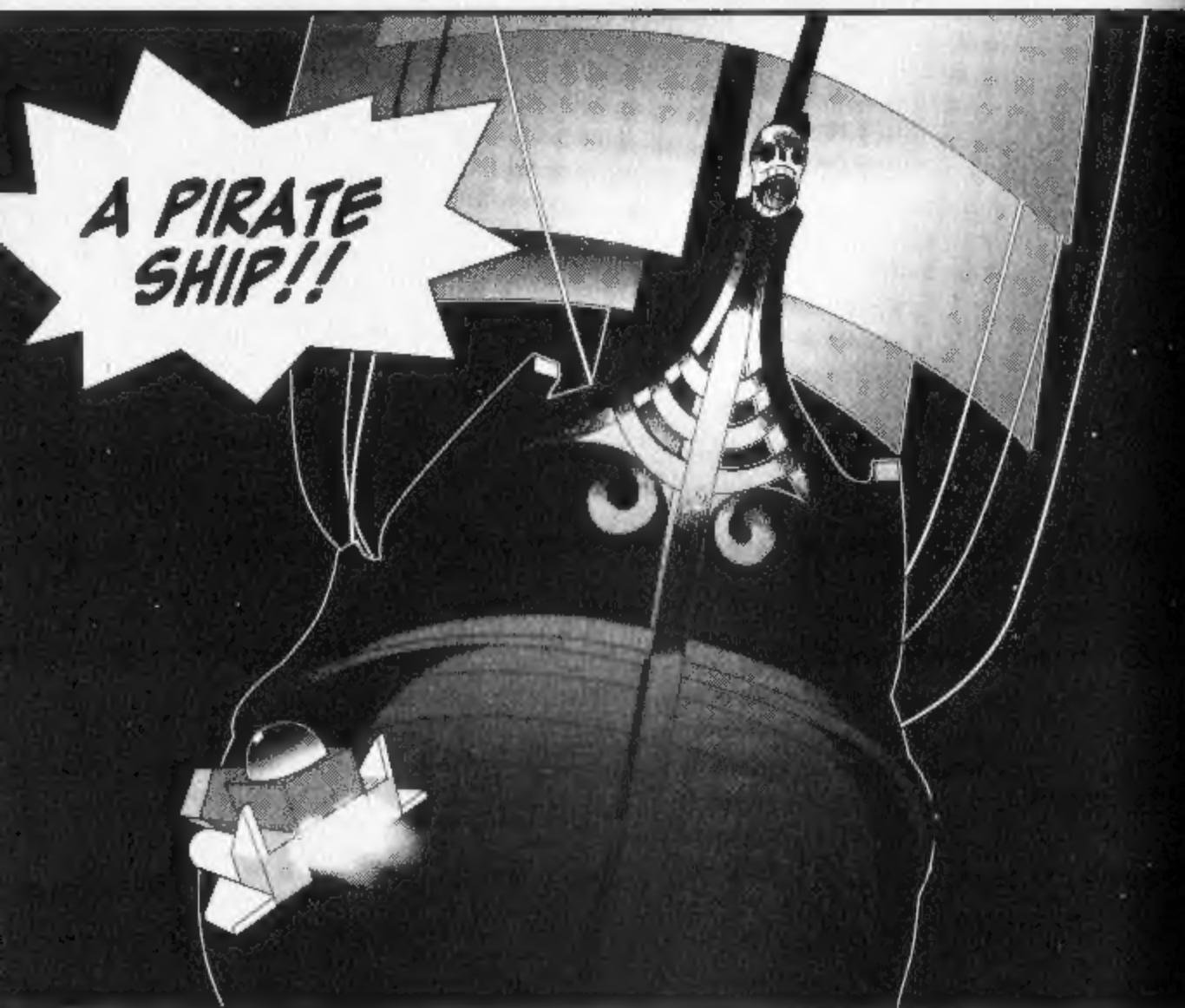
THE SHIP
LURCHED
SUDDENLY...

I THINK WE
RAN INTO
SOMETHING...

A-
HYUCK...



SOMETHING
REALLY...BIG...



**A PIRATE
SHIP!!**



HEY!

WAIT!



**SOMETHING
TERRIBLE
MUST
HAVE
HAPPENED
TO
THEM!!**



**OH! THE HOT
WATER'S READY!**



**WHO ARE
YOU?!**

**LET GO
OF ME!!**

DONALD!
GOOFY!

WHERE DID
YOU TAKE
THEM?!

ARE THEY THAT
IMPORTANT TO YOU?
MORE IMPORTANT
THAN *OLD*
FRIENDS?

RIKU?!

IT WAS
YOU?!

INSTEAD OF
WORRYING ABOUT
THEM, YOU *SHOULD*
BE ASKING...


...ABOUT *HER*.



KAIRI!!!



NOT SO FAST.



NO
SHENANIGANS
ABOARD MY
VESSEL, BOY.



RIKU...



WHAT--?

...WHY ARE YOU
SIDING WITH THE
HEARTLESS?



THE HEARTLESS OBEY
ME NOW, SORA.

NOW I HAVE
NOTHING TO
FEAR.



...HUH?



YOU'RE
CRAZY!



SOONER OR
LATER, THEY'LL
SWALLOW
YOUR HEART!





NOT A CHANCE.
MY HEART'S TOO
STRONG.



RIKU!!!



JUST WATCH.

I'VE PICKED UP A
FEW OTHER NEW
TRICKS AS WELL.



LIKE THIS, FOR
INSTANCE.



?!
THA...



